



March 17, 2015

Dear Neighbors:

The Department of Sustainable Development Urban Design & Planning Division is making significant investments to ensure the rise in development activity is managed with the necessary action needed to deliver the reliable services our neighbors have come to expect.

In comparison to last year, the landscape subunit is currently experiencing a 38% increase in landscape permit applications, amidst a 90% increase in higher level development applications of elevated complexity.

In an effort to maintain exceptional service during this high-paced time and allocate the resources needed to perform reviews and inspections in a timely manner, the division will be offering "Professional Day" information sessions to assist neighbor through the application process starting the week of March 30th.

Professional Day information sessions will be held at the Greg Brewton Sustainable Development Center, every Monday from 10:30 AM -3:30PM. Walk-in inquiries for less complex matters may be addressed every Monday thru Friday from 8:30 AM – 10:30 AM. The center is at 700 NW 19th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311.

For landscape permit status and to schedule a "Professional Day" appointment with the Landscape Plans Examiner, please call Vivian Law at (954) 828-5965. For Code Compliance complaints, please call (954) 828-6520, press 2.

Please note, currently the average review time for single-family residential or stand-alone permits is 5-days, while larger projects may take up to 10-days. We appreciate your patience while we continue to make improvements on executing the reviews more efficiently and plan for appropriate resources. It has been our pleasure to serve you and we look forward to your continued support while we strive to improve our services to meet your needs.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Pearson,
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